



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OF MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
AT 200 HIGHLANDS BOULEVARD DRIVE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David L. Willson called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll call showed those present were: Alderman Clement, Alderman Stevens, Alderman Hamill, Alderman Ottenad, Alderman Schrader, Alderman Diehl, and Mayor Willson. Attorney Gunn was excused. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Order of Items on the Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Temporary Liquor License:

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the temporary liquor license for the Walter Le Pere American Legion Post 208 for a booth for the planned family event on their parking lot on May 17. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

b. Comments from the Public

Mr. Carlos Restrepo, formerly an employee of Patch.com, said he is a homeless shelter employee, and he wanted to share what the shelter does and wanted to invite everyone to an upcoming event, a breakfast on April 11. The proceeds are going toward helping children in St. Louis County. He distributed information to the elected officials.

Alderman Stevens stated if someone has a one-time need for some of the services, there are people who will do outreach for the Assistance League and will provide beds and clothing for one-time community services. She said if there is a need, someone may contact her.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson reported that on March 7, he, along with City Administrator Hixson and Alderman Barb Stevens, attended the First Friday Coffee. On March 10, Mayor Willson attended the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Mayor Willson reported on March 11, he attended the Citizens Police Academy graduation. Officer Coyle and Officer Ebert did a great job teaching the class. On March 12, Mayor Willson attended the Homecoming meeting.

On March 13, Mayor Willson attended the Metro Mayors' meeting. Later that evening the City hosted the Board of Adjustment dinner at Tucker's Place West Restaurant.

Mayor Willson reported on March 14, he attended the Lafayette Area Mayor's Organization (LAMO) meeting hosted by Ballwin. He said this evening before the Board of Aldermen meeting, he, along with Board members, attended the Menard's "board cutting" event.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of March 1 – March 14, 2014)

There were no questions.

b. Update on deer population survey

City Administrator Hixson stated that White Buffalo is in town and is starting to do the study on the deer population. They are with a police escort.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 10, and there were four cases. There was one case under old business, which was a proposed text amendment pertaining to non-residential signs in residential districts. He said that for new business, they reviewed a new home to be built at 712 Joyce Ann Drive, similar to what we see happening on Connie and Joyce Ann. The two other cases were a text amendment about the number of used apparel and accessory stores allowed city-wide, and associated with that case is a request for Plato's Closet to operate a used apparel and accessory store at 14206 Manchester Road.

b. Historic Review Commission

There was no update.

c. Manchester Arts Council

Alderman Stevens stated she wanted to highlight the upcoming event beginning on March 28, the photography show that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The theme is "My Manchester" and "My St. Louis". The Arts Council is also continuing with the traffic signs and doing some artwork on those. She said artwork will be seen starting in June.

d. Homecoming Committee

Alderman Ottenad stated that Ms. Kari Pratt is stepping down as the person in charge of the parade, so the Committee is now looking for someone to help with the parade. She said they are also going to try to tie in Stl250 with the Homecoming theme this year. Mayor Willson suggested the artist being the Grand Marshall, or she could ride with the cake. Also, they plan to include Barrett's cake and the people who designed it.

Alderman Ottenad stated Alderman Schrader has had a set of tires donated from Firestone for the car show, which is a really nice grand prize.

Alderman Ottenad added that they are going to try the Trotter photo booth again this year.

9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

a. There were none.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

a. RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND MOUNTING EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Schrader read proposed Resolution # 14-0484, entitled: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO EXPEND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED, IN TOTAL, THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,500.00), INCLUDING ANY SHIPPING CHARGES AND / OR UNANTICIPATED RELATED EXPENSES, TO WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MOBILE DATA TERMINALS (RUGGEDIZED

LAPTOP COMPUTERS) AND TO ASSEMBLED PRODUCTS CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF “JOTTODESK” MOUNTING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO REPLACE EXISTING UNITS IN POLICE PATROL CARS AND TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO EACH VENDOR THEREFOR”, by title only.

Alderman Ottenad said she doesn’t think the Board received enough material to go forward. She discussed the Bill as it pertained to World Wide Technology.

Sergeant Ed Skaggs advised that in looking at the quote, the City would not be purchasing item number three.

Alderman Ottenad asked how Ed Skaggs is coming up with a requested amount without the actual price. She said there is an extra 45 percent added.

Sergeant Skaggs said he does not know the exact cost of the mounts.

Alderman Ottenad asked about the shipping costs. She asked why this is being presented to the Board before the costs are available. She said all the information is not available to make a decision.

Sergeant Skaggs said he does not have all the prices yet, but he wanted to place the order so the computers and supplies could be available when the cars come in so they can be put on the road. He said he would imagine that the City will be paying the shipping costs.

Alderman Ottenad asked if Sergeant Skaggs couldn’t have found out the cost before presenting it.

Alderman Hixson said he can get the information in the packets on Friday.

Alderman Ottenad stated that is fine, but the Board is expected to make a decision tonight.

Alderman Clement stated he wanted to be sure the additional expenses are not going to exceed \$4,200.

Sergeant Skaggs stated he couldn’t imagine the additional expenses exceeding that amount.

Alderman Schrader made the motion for approval of Resolution # 14-0484. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hamill and carried unanimously, without objection.

b. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO A DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alderman Ottenad read proposed Resolution # 14-0485, entitled: “A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO A CERTAIN DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANCHESTER AND THE PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT”, by title only.

Alderman Hamill asked why the Board is ratifying this agreement after the fact.

City Administrator Hixson answered that when meeting with officials from the Parkway School District, everyone was signing it, he signed it at the time, and now it needs to be ratified.

Alderman Ottenad made the motion for approval of Resolution # 14-0485. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried 5 – 0, with Alderman Clement abstaining because he was involved with the agreement.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Comments from the Public

Ms. Pauline Bair, 305 Morewood Drive, asked about the Ordinance prohibiting texting while driving. She asked why there isn't a sign posted.

City Administrator Hixson responded that there will not be any signs posting the Ordinance because there are speed limit signs that set the rules and laws. He added that it would be an impossibility, because if the City posts signs prohibiting texting, we would have to do it for all other ordinances and rules, too.

Ms. Bair stated that texting is such a big deal, and everyone is using their cell phones and texting. She said it would be nice if there was something posted because she almost got hit while driving.

Alderman Stevens said that there are posted speed limits, but that doesn't mean that people always follow them.

Ms. Bair asked how a driver can be ticketed if there is no sign showing texting is prohibited.

Chief Walsh said that when the Ordinance was passed, it was felt that there should be an opportunity to get the word out. People will be issued warnings for the first six months.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Hamill made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, CMC/MRCC-S
City Clerk

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